Add new claims 15 and 16 as follows:

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--15. The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein the audio data is compression-encoded corresponding to ATRAC, and wherein the first data unit of the file structure contains one or a plurality of sound units.--

--16. The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein the file structure further includes a data portion that describes management information, and wherein the data portion describes the number of the second data units contained in the successive record length.--

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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